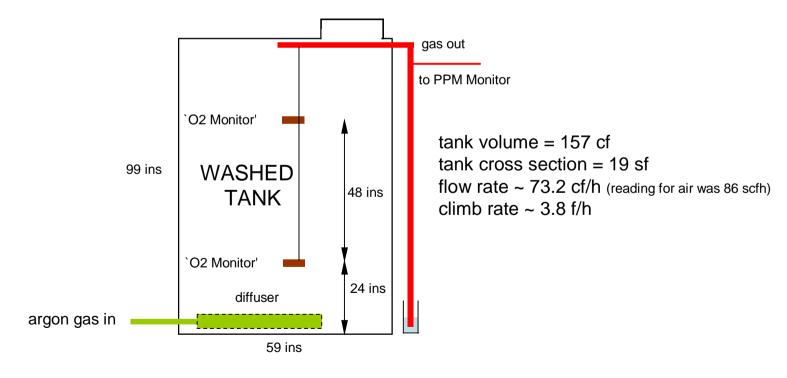
Test of purging a volume from atmosphere:

insert Argon gas at bottom of tank over large area at low velocity;

the Argon introduced being heavier than air will act as a piston and drive the air out of the tank at the top;

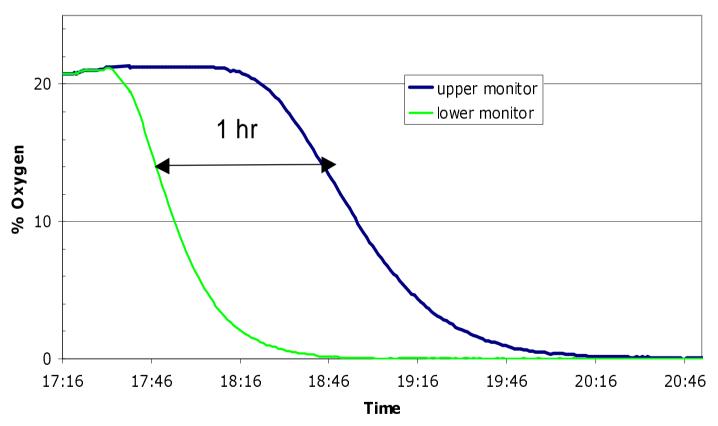
fewer volume changes than simple mixing model will achieve a given reduction in air concentration.





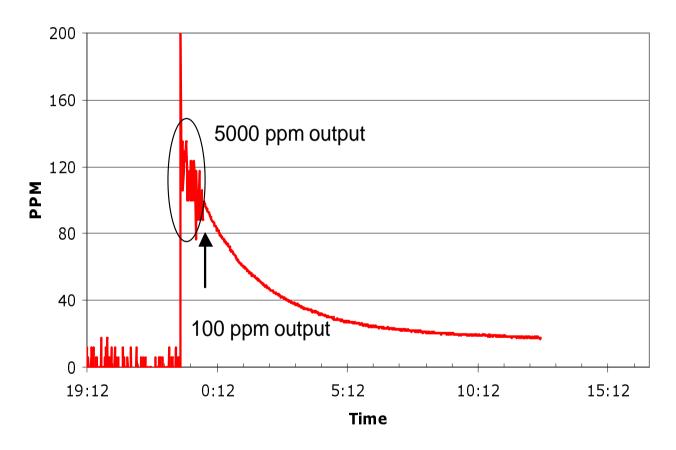
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Oxygen % vs Time



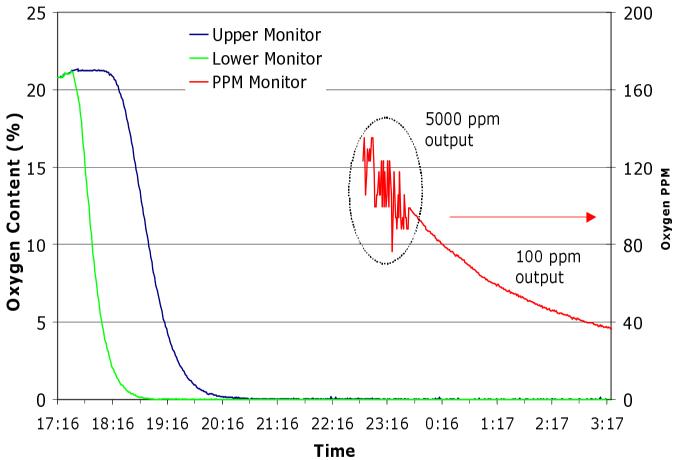
showing the evolution of the oxygen concentration at different heights

PPM Monitor



showing the evolution of the oxygen concentration at the top of the tank

Oxygen Content vs Time



to 100 ppm (reduction of 2,000) takes 6 hrs = 2.6 volume changes (cf simple mixing, which predicts ln(2000) = 7.6 volume changes)